



*A Residuals Management Company*

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Mr. Scott Haley  
Virginia Department of Health  
109 Governor St., Fifth Floor  
Richmond, Virginia 23218

Dear Mr. Haley:

At approximately 6:30 am earlier today, a tractor-trailer carrying biosolids produced at the Joint Meeting WWTP spilled the majority of its load on the roadside of Route 616 in Appomattox County, Virginia. The spill occurred on Route 616 approximately 2 miles north of Vera, VA and Route 24. Evidently, the truck driver lost control of the vehicle while trying to avoid an oncoming vehicle slid off the side of the roadway, over corrected the vehicle and turning it onto its side. Approximately 22 wet tons of material spilled onto the shoulder off of the roadway. A small amount of diesel fuel leaked from the tractor unit however, neither fuel nor biosolids spilled into any surface waters.

The Virginia State Police and local sheriff responded to the accident. Even though this material is non-hazardous, the local sheriff requested that cleanup operations not begin until the local environmental inspector investigated the scene. Upon arriving at the scene, Mr. Steven W. Day of WEL, Inc. decided it was ok to proceed with cleanup operations. Once I obtained all the necessary information, I notified your office by telephone at approximately 9:30 am.

The cleanup procedure consisted of deploying a front-end loader to the site to remove the majority of the material off of the roadside right-of-way and place it into an additional trailer unit deployed to the scene. Hand shovels were used to remove the residual biosolids. All of the biosolids removed from the scene were taken to the approved land application site AP 2-7. The entire spill area was coated with lime; straw and seeded. Cleanup procedures were complete by 1:00 pm this afternoon.

The right-of-way on which the spilled occurred evidently belongs to a Mr. R. L. Harris. Mr. Hunter Richardson of Synagro notified Mr. Harris by telephone earlier today to fill him in on the details of the spill and the cleanup efforts. Mr. Harris appreciated the notice and said he would take at it this evening on his way home from work. Mr. Richardson told him that if he had any concerns to please get back with us.

If you have any further questions, please call me at (804) 443-2170.

Sincerely,

D. Steve McMahon  
Technical Services Administrator

cc: Aileen Ferguson – Appomattox County Administrator  
John Thomas, Lisa Williams, Don Price, Owen Sheehan, Dave Iverson, Hunter Richardson,  
Synagro

